United States Bankruptcy Court <u>SOUTHERN DISTRI</u> 61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Div	CT OF TEXAS P.O.Box ision)	PROOF OF CLAIM
Name of Debtors	Case Number	
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	788-22464 Creditor ID#:
*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against		United States Rankey
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes noney or property):	Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim.	FILED
George Smith Plumbing Co.	Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	JUL 0 7 2000
Name and address where notices should be sent:  ***********************************	Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case	Michael N. Milby, Clerk
1076 Highland Plantation Rd Greenville MS 38701-9250	Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:	Check here replaces if this claim amends a previously filed claim, dated:	
I. Basis for Cialm  Goods sold  Services performed  Money loaned  Personal injury/wrongful death  Taxes  Other	Retiree benefits as defined in TT-U.S.C. § 1114(a)  Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below)  Your SS#:  Unpaid compensation for services performed  from to  (date)	
2. Date debt was incurred: October 11, 1999	3. If court judgment, date of	
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$		Attach itemized statement of all interest or
5. Secured Claim.  — Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).	6. Unsecured Priority Claim.  Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim  Amount entitled to priority \$	
Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate Motor Vehicle Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate	Specify the priority of the claim:  Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3)	
Value of Collateral: \$	<ul> <li>Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).</li> <li>Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6).</li> <li>Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).</li> </ul>	
Amount of arrearage and other charges <u>at time case filed</u> included in secured claim, if any \$	Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).  Other – Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a).  *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.	
<ol> <li>Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and different the purpose of making this proof of claim.</li> <li>Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, concourt judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.</li> <li>Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your contents.</li> </ol>	ch as promissory stracts, of lien.	This Space Is for Court Use Only
enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.  Date Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other copy of power of attorney, if any)  (attack copy of power of attorney, if any)  COO	her person authorized to file this claim	
Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,00		. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.